REMARKS

The Examiner has asserted that the claims are directed to the patentably distinct species under 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring election to one of two species, namely Species A related to a reactant gas being nitrogen containing and extra element is nitrogen, and Species B related to a reactant gas being carbon containing and extra element is carbon.

Applicants hereby elect Species A directed to claims 1-4, 7-11 and 14-15 for prosecution and withdraw Species B from consideration in the present application, at this time.

Moreover, the Applicants submit that claims 14 and 15 are generic claims with respect to Species A in the present application.

The election is made without waiver, estoppel, or prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of the cancelled claims, and the non-elected species B should be allowed if the generic claims being allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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